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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)

Makoto OKABE et al.)

Serial No.: 10/066,598)

Group Art Unit: 1763

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Examiner: S. MacArthur

For : VACUUM PROCESSING APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

A response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002 (Paper No. 7) was due by January 1, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time (three months, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to April 1, 2003. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 14 as indicated on the attached MARKED-UP PREVIOUS VERSION OF THE CLAIM.

Please replace present claim 14 with the amended version thereof, as presented on the attached CLEAN COPY OF THE AMENDED CLAIM.